ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

PLAINFIELD,

—FOR—

The Year Ending Feb. 15, 1897.

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Report of the Selectmen.

Inventory of the town, taken April 1, 1896:

No. of polls, 291,	$29,100 00	
Real Estate,	367,964 00	
Horses, 423,	19,298 00	
Oxen, 86,	4,174 00	
Cows, 837,	18,550 00	
Neat, 9,	204 00	
Sheep, 1,311,	1,910 00	
Hogs, 3,	20 00	
Carriages, 9,	560 00	
Stock in banks,	8,204 00	
Money at interest,	20,192 00	
Stock in trade,	5,036 00	
Mills,	1,000 00	
Total valuation,		$476,212 00

Amount of taxes for all purposes, as follows:

State tax,	$1,205 00	
County tax,	1,568 23	
Town tax,	1,250 00	
Town Hall,	250 00	
Town Hall repair tax,	200 00	
District repair tax,	100 00	
School tax,	1,205 00	
Extra School tax,	200 00	
School Board,	100 00	
Memorial,	35 00	
Library,	72 30	
Highways,	1,189 28	
Highways extra,	500 00	
Percentage,	220 79	
Total,		$8,095 60

Tax on one hundred dollars, $1.70.

Abstracts of Receipts and Disbursements.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1896,	$454 93	
Total receipts during the year,	11,340 11	
		$11,795 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements during the year,	$10,872 82	
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	922 22	
		$11,795 04

DEBT.

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1896,	$5,269 74	
Assets Feb. 15, 1896,	2,118 25	
Balance against town Feb. 15. 1896,		$3,151 49
Liabilities Feb. 15, 1897,	$5,496 83	
Assets Feb. 15, 1897,	2,468 02	
Balance against town Feb. 15, 1897,		$3,028 81
Decrease of balance during the year,		$122 68

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1896,	$454 93	
Taxes from collectors,	8,037 13	
Savings bank tax,	855 02	
Land rent,	21 66	
Literary fund,	158 20	
Railroad tax,	31 12	
Bounty on hawks,	10 00	
County for support of paupers,	827 18	
County for support of dep't soldiers	76 26	
Dog licenses,	158 46	
O. V. Eastman, 5% loan,	700 00	
Eliza F. Manchester, 5% loan,	100 00	
Martha M. Smith, 5% loan,	200 00	
Esther F. Wright, cemetery fund,	100 00	
Miscellaneous,	65 08	
		$11,795 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Town officers,	$410 00	
County poor,	779 31	
Dependent soldiers' aid,	70 61	
Town poor,	183 80	
Highways and bridges,	2,407 98	
Support of schools,	1,799 00	
School board,	100 00	
School supplies,	111 01	
Repairs of school district property,	89 91	
Repairs of town property,	276 23	
State tax,	1,205 00	
County tax,	1,568 23	
Town notes,	800 00	
Interest,	89 27	
Interest on trust fund,	38 50	
Insurance,	40 00	
Town library,	72 30	
Memorial Day appropriation,	35 00	
Bounty on hawks,	10 00	
Damage by dogs,	57 00	
Road machine,	220 00	
Librarians,	50 00	
Miscellaneous,	459 67	
		$10,872 82
Excess of receipts over disbursements,		922 22
		$11,795 04

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding notes,	$3,988 18
Interest on the same,	218 52
Lucy P. Chamberlain cemetery fund,	600 00
Interest on the same,	36 00
Cyrus Smith cemetery fund,	50 00
School fund,	109 82
Dog fund,	105 96
District repair fund,	29 85

Perley Roberts, services as Clerk,	$25 00
William Hall, services as Treasurer,	40 00
Ora C. Davis, services as Selectman,	66 00
Benj. F. Porter, services as Selectman,	45 00
Dan'l C. Westgate, services as Selectman,	45 00
Selectmen as Overseers of Poor,	35 00
School board,	100 00
Dog order not presented,	2 50
	$5,496 83

ASSETS.

Due from County, support of paupers,	$197 26
Dependent soldiers,	5 00
Electa H. Chellis, land rent,	35 04
O. A. Stearns, do,	10 35
D. W. Cross, do,	11 66
J. T. Duncan, do,	2 55
John Gilkey, do,	16 00
Joseph Goodwin, do,	22 50
J. W. Gerrish Est, do,	2 66
F. E. Corey, do,	2 50
N. M. True, do,	27 48
E. E. Wheeler, do,	26 66
O. V. Eastman, Collector of 1894,	39 98
J. F. Raynsford, " 1895,	203 32
Samuel W. Clark, " 1896,	942 84
Cash in treasury,	922 22
	$2,468 02

Balance against the town,	$3,028 81

ORA C. DAVIS,
BENJAMIN F. PORTER,
DANIEL C. WESTGATE,
} Selectmen of Plainfield.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

TO SELECTMEN AS OVERSEERS OF POOR, DR.

To cash paid for the support of county poor as follows:

Lois Brocklebank,	$93 30	
George W. Smith,	59 64	
Abel Spaulding,	111 76	
William Wilder,	101 78	
Levi Nelson,	58 15	
Andrew J. Watson,	14 25	
David B. Clark,	6 32	
Charles Wood,	2 50	
Charles W. Picknell,	2 00	
John Holt,	5 00	
Charles Pollard,	15 30	
Charles Harrington, Jr.,	22 50	
William Walker, (including doctor's bill, $84.97)	111 24	
Walter H. Hunt,	76 29	
Roswell Spaulding,	47 50	
Charles Picknell,	16 63	
George A. Cole,	16 50	
Harry Sturtevant,	4 60	
Charles Alexander,	4 65	
Frank Picknell,	3 40	
Transients, (7)	6 00	
		$779 31
Dependent soldiers' aid:		
James Jordan,	$37 15	
Amanda Alexander,	11 86	
Mary Short,	11 60	
Sarah Jordan,	10 00	
		$70 61
Town poor:		
Calvin T. Duncklee,	$133 08	
Almira Chapman,	50 72	
		$183 80
		$1,033 72

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By orders for support of County poor,	$779 31	
" " " Depend't soldiers aid,	70 61	
" " " Town poor,	183 80	
		$1,033 72

Due from County, Feb. 15, 1897, for support as follows:

Lois Brocklebank,	$31 38	
Abel Spaulding,	32 40	
William Wilder,	26 00	
Levi Nelson,	17 50	
Andrew J. Watson,	6 75	
Charles Wood,	2 50	
Charles Harrington, Jr.,	22 50	
William Walker,	33 55	
Roswell Spaulding,	10 00	
Charles Picknell,	5 23	
Frank Picknell,	3 40	
George A. Cole,	1 55	
Walter H. Hunt,	75	
Transients, (4)	3 75	
		$197 26
Dependent soldier's aid:		
Sarah Jordan,	$5 00	
		$5 00

ORA C. DAVIS,
DANIEL C. WESTGATE, } Selectmen as Overseers of Poor.

COLLECTORS'. STATEMENT.

Due from Collector on 1892 dog tax,		$1 00
Collected,		1 00
Due from Collector on 1893 book,		$14 66
Collected,	$3 50	
Abated,	11 16	
		$14 66
Due from Collector on 1894 book,		148 25
Collected,	$75 00	
Abated,	33 27	
Now due,	39 98	
		$148 25

O. V. EASTMAN, Collector.

Due from Collector on 1895 book,		$1,131 39
Collected,	$856 00	
Abated,	72 07	
Now due,	203 32	
		1,131 39

J. F. Raynsford, Collector.

Amount on Collector's book 1896,		$8,095 60
Collected,	$7,101 63	
Abated,	51 13	
Now due,	942 84	
		$8,095 60

Samuel W. Clark, Collector.

DOG REPORT.

Received from Collector on 1892 book,	$ 1 00	
" " Town Clerk for licenses,	158 46	
		$159 46
Paid F. DeF. Baker,	$ 2 00	
S. W. H. Clark,	21 00	
E. J. Westgate,	8 00	
W. P. Thrasher, services as Constable,	7 00	
F. V. Pierce,	4 00	
A. W. French,	2 00	
Selectmen examinations,	7 00	
Not presented,	2 50	
Total amount of dog orders,		53 50
Balance in treasury,		$105 96

D. C. Westgate, Selectman.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

Cash received for licensing 80 dogs,	$166 00	
" " after May 1,	4 46	
		$170 46
Cash paid Treasurer,	$158 46	
License fee on 80 dogs,	12 00	
		$170 46

Perley Roberts, Town Clerk.

TRUST FUNDS.

LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLAIN CEMETERY FUND.

DR.

To one year's interest,	$36 00

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By cash paid for labor and material,	$36 00

LUCY PARKER CHAMBERLAIN, Trustee.

CLARA FREEMAN CEMETERY FUND.

Interest due,	$7 80
Cash paid for care,	65

WILLIS K. DANIELS, Trustee.

CYRUS SMITH FUND.

Fund in Town Treasury,	$50 00
Cash paid for care,	50

O. V. EASTMAN, Trustee.

JUNIUS A. SPENCER FUND,	$300 00
Cash paid for care of lot,	2 00

SELECTMEN as Trustee.

ESTHER F. WRIGHT FUND.

Amount in treasury,	$100 00

SELECTMEN as Trustee.

REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, DR.

To cash paid for repairs on Town Hall:

N. C. Williams, labor,	$11 25
H. D. Plummer, labor,	25 85
R. P. Ordway, door and windows,	4 75
J. L. Turner, labor,	20 25
L. Reynolds, labor,	12 50
Cabot Bros., table and curtains,	1 95
J. S. Stickney, labor,	1 00
S. A. Reed, paint and step ladder,	13 36
R. Amsden, lumber and lime,	11 00

Stone, Penniman & Payson, fixtures for Hall,	$1 61
J. H. Whitaker, merchandise,	4 72
C. H. Hill, labor,	3 42
H. S. Osgood, paper and border,	12 40
S. C. Dow, labor,	3 00
B. F. Porter, labor and lumber,	7 70
D. C. Westgate, labor, lumber and cash paid out,	31 24
	$166 00

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By order on town treasurer, $166 00

Benjamin F. Porter,
D. C. Westgate, } Selectmen.

BUILDING WOOD SHED AT TOWN HALL.

Town of Plainfield, Dr.

To cash paid for material and labor for building wood shed and hitch rail at the Town Hall at Meriden, as follows:

L. E. Hilliard for lumber,	$20 80
S. Cole & Son, clapboards,	5 10
D. N. Moulton, shingles,	4 50
Spencer Bros., door, window, 2 frames and sheathing,	6 90
H. H. Brown, 50 lbs. lead and door fixtures,	3 23
Moulton & Roberts, oil, nails and fixtures,	3 97
Chellis & Stickney, nails and zinc,	1 56
O. C. Davis, lumber and labor,	19 37
G. W. Beers, labor,	15 05
E. E. Beers, labor,	12 30
O. A. Stearns, labor,	5 25
Geo. S. Cole, labor,	1 60
	$99 63

CREDIT.

By order on Town Treasurer, $99 63

Ora C. Davis, Selectman.

HIGHWAY AGENTS' REPORT.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO ORREN A. STEARNS, DR.

To cash paid for labor and material for highways and bridges as follows:

Orren A. Stearns, 83½ days, $2.00,		$167 00
J. M. Gibson, 36 7-10 days,	at $1.50,	55 12
E. E. Beers, 32 7-10,	"	49 05
Albert E. Woodward, 42 5-10 days,	"	63 75
C. F. Woodward, 60 5-10 days,	"	90 75
" and team,		10 50
F. I. Woodward and team on road machine,		273 90
Perry G. Curtis, 2 1-2 and 12 with self and team,		39 75
H. B. Howe, 41 8-10 days with team,		124 95
George E. Stearns and team,		34 50
A. E. Woodward, 1 9-10 days	at $1.50,	2 85
Fred Besett, 5 days,	"	7 50
S. C. Harrington, 21 8-10 days	"	32 70
J. F. Tasker, 1 1-2 days	"	3 50
G. W. Myers, 4 days	"	6 00
G. S. Lane, 6 1-2 days	at $1.00	6 50
Bradley Talbot, 1 7-10 days,		2 12
G. E. Stearns,		17 80
Arthur Picknel, 2 days at $1.00,		2 00
H. L. Ragan, 1 day with team,		3 00
Charles H. Woodward,		2 85
N. M. True,		14 62
E. R. Miller,		2 62
Asa Walker,		36
Jonas Goodwin,		50
Mark Goodwin and oxen,		1 00
H. H. Brown, 50 ft. 10 in. D. pipe at 26 cts.,		13 00
C. M. Hildreth , 40 ft. 8 in. D. pipe,		7 20
O. A. Stearns, 8 M. bridge plank and timber,		88 00
" 800 ft. bridge stringers at 6 cts.,		4 80
L. E. Hilliard, 4582 bridge plank,		50 41
Moulton & Roberts, 38 lbs. spikes,		1 40

Chellis & Stickney, 12 lbs. spikes,	60
R. L. Chapman,	1 43
E. M. Dean, 17 3-10 days at $1.50,	25 95
	$1207 98

CREDIT

By orders on the Town Treasurer,	$1207 98

ORREN A. STEARNS, Agent.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO A. K. READ, DR.

To cash paid for labor and material for highways and bridges as follows:

Frank Whitaker, with team 3 3-5 days,	$ 4 50
C. E. Curtis, with team 3-5 day,	75
E. O. Eaton, with team 2 days,	2 50
R. Reynolds, 2 7-10 days,	3 35
H. C. Woodward, with team 4 1-10 days,	5 12
G. Gale, 1-2 day,	62
D. N. Moulton, 4-5 days,	1 00
Chas. Woodward, 1 day,	1 25
H. B. Curtis, 1 1-5 days,	1 50
F. W. Smith, 1 3-5 days,	2 00
F. S. French, 1 9-10 days,	2 37
Warren Barker, with team 7 1-4 days,	9 03
C. C. Jordan with team 5 3-10 days,	6 63
D. C. Westgate, lumber,	27 00
J. W. Westgate, 1-5 day,	25
J. S. Flanders, 1-5 day,	25
C. S. Burr, lumber,	85
S. R. Reynolds, with team 1 9-20 days,	1 81
A. K. Read, with team 1 1-10 days,	1 37
Mar. 10, 1896, balance due Agent,	$72 15

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD TO A. K. READ, DR.

To cash paid for labor and material for highways and bridges as follows:

A. K. Read 100 17-20 days,	$201 70
" team 75 1-5 days,	112 80
David Emery, with team 65 7-20 days,	196 05
" 18-20 days,	1 18
" lumber,	3 19
J. S. Flanders, 71 2-5 days,	89 25
N. K. Spaulding, 37 93-125 days,	47 18
D. F. Blood, 28 3-10 days,	35 37
Chester Picknell, 22 7-10 days,	28 37
W. M. Mossey, 1 4-5 days,	2 25
H. C. Daniels, lumber,	12 07
A. L. Hadley, with team 6 1-2 days,	7 87
" lumber,	3 00
Warren Westgate, blasting 1 9-10 days,	2 85
" 40 3-4 days,	50 92
J. W. Westgate, with team 17 1-4 days,	21 56
W. O. Kenyon, with team 2 7-10 days,	3 37
" lumber,	2 84
J. F. Tasker, erecting derrick,	2 00
J. H. Whitaker, material for highway,	75
F. P. Kenyon, 7 days,	8 75
N. C. Williams, 2-5 days,	50
F. A. Jordan, laying abutments 15 1-2 days,	38 75
D. B. Dana, " 2 3-10 days,	4 37
D. N. Chapman, 1 1-5 days,	1 50
P. C. Jordan, 11 1-10 days,	13 87
A. J. Chapman, 1-5 day,	25
J. S. Jordan, 30 19-20 days,	38 69
Chas. Alexander, 1-5 day,	25
H. C. Farnum, with team 2 days,	2 49
Alfred Hadley, 2 3-5 days,	3 25
" lumber, bolts and posts,	2 75
F. W. Smith, with team 1-5 days,	25
" lumber,	1 20

J. S. Stickney, 1-5 day,	$ 25
" repairing road machine, drills, &c.,	3 54
" iron rods and dogs for bridge,	4 25
S. W. Clark, with team 5 1-5 days,	6 50
" men 2 3-4 days,	3 41
C. H. Williams & Son, 1 9-10 days,	2 37
L. S. Jordan, with team 4 1-5 days,	5 12
Mrs. Wm. Ward, lumber,	4 46
F. W. True, with team 14 2-5 days,	17 99
I. W. Spaulding, with team 1 7-10 days,	2 00
" sharpening drills,	1 44
R. H. Penniman, with team 2 4-5 days,	3 50
C. D. Colby, 2 4-5 days,	3 50
" lumber,	1 00
D. C. Westgate, 1 1-5 days,	1 50
" lumber,	27 00
S. A. Read, tile, dynamite, &c.,	13 68
G. M. Smith, 4 days,	5 00
S. C. Dow, lumber,	3 26
I. W. Heywood, freight and express,	4 05
G. W. Hunt, Jr. use of derrick,	30 00
C. S. Burr, 6 7-10 days,	8 37
" drag plank and bolts for same,	2 00
C. C. Jordan, with team 15 2-5 days,	19 25
D. F. Jordan, with team 1 9-10 days,	2 37
A. P. Woodman, iron rods,	33
H. A. Gilson, 3-5 day,	75
" lumber,	3 90
T. R. Lawrence, 1 2-5 days,	1 75
C. H. Peterson with team 3 1-5 days,	3 87
Total,	$1200 00
Received by order of Selectmen,	$1200 00

ALBERT K. READ, Agent.

Report of Town Treasurer.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD IN ACCT. WITH

WILLIAM HALL, Treasurer.

RECEIVED OF

Perley Roberts, Treasurer 1895,	$454 93
Geo. W. Austin, land rent,	2 50
Joel F. Raynsford, Tax Collector, '95,	256 00
Esther F. Wright, cemetery fund,	100 00
O. C. Davis, same received of Eliza F. Manchester,	100 00
" " O. V. Eastman,	700 00
J. F. Raynsford, Tax Collector, '95,	200 00
D. C. Westgate, same received of Martha Smith,	200 00
D. C. Westgate, same received from County Commissioners for pauper claims,	435 56
D. C. Westgate, same received from County Commissioners for aid to dependent soldiers,	60 95
Samuel W. Clark, Tax Collector, 1896,	134 51
" "	103 08
P. Roberts, Town Clerk, for licensing dogs,	158 46
J. F. Raynsford, Collector of '95,	200 00
Samuel W. Clark, Collector of '96,	575 00
" "	317 54
D. C. Westgate, same received as fine case of Town vs. W. Alexander,	10 00
S. W. Clark, Collector of '96,	157 89
" "	475 00
" "	250 00
" "	425 00
Sherman Jordan, for land rent,	5 00
S. W. Clark, Collector of '96,	500 00
" "	80 00
" "	200 16
J. F. Raynsford, " '95,	100 00
S. W. Clark, " '96,	275 00

O. C. Davis, same received of County for support dependent soldiers and county paupers,	$406 93
S. W. Clark, Tax Collector, '96,	200 00
" "	400 00
" "	475 00
" "	350 68
" "	400 00
Wrought Range Co., for peddler's license,	2 00
O. V. Eastman, Collector '94,	75 00
S. W. Clark, Collector '96,	575 00
D. W. Cross, land rent,	11 66
S. W. Clark, Collector '96,	400 00
O. C. Davis, same received from State as bounty on hawks,	10 00
S. W. Clark, Collector '96,	529 44
J. F. Raynsford, Collector '95,	100 00
Geo. W. Austin for land rent,	2 50
D. C. Westgate, same received as rent of Town Hall,	2 00
O. V. Eastman, Collector '93,	3 50
" " '92, dog tax,	1 00
S. W. Clark, Collector '96,	278 33
State railroad tax,	31 12
Savings bank tax,	855 02
State literary fund,	158 20
S. R. Sanborn, same received from Enfield School District for tuition,	50 88
S. R. Sanborn, same received for books sold,	20
	$11,795 04

PAID ORDERS OF SELECTMEN AS FOLLOWS:

Perley Roberts, services as Town Clerk,	$ 25 00
" " " " Treasurer,	40 00
O. C. Davis, " " Selectman,	62 00
B. F. Porter, " " "	43 00
D. C. Westgate, " " "	45 00

O. C. Davis and D. C. Westgate, services as Overseers of Poor,	$ 40 00
J. F. Raynsford, services as Collector, 1895,	100 00
S. R. Sanborn, " " School Board,	100 00
O. C. Davis, " " Building Committee,	15 00
O. A. Stearns, bal. due Feb., 1895, on settlement,	5 00
A. B. Freeman Co., printing Town Reports,	35 00
O. C. Davis, for lamps and hanging same,	24 50
Lucy P. Chamberlain, interest on Chamberlain Cemetery Fund,	36 00
J. H. Whitaker, for lamps for Town Hall,	11 00
D. C. Westgate, for 3-4 cord wood for Town Hall,	3 10
Wm. Hall, services as Auditor for 2 years,	5 00
E. G. Beers, note and interest,	360 60
H. W. Chellis, 1 cord wood, Town Hall, Meriden,	3 75
F. S. French, pass on land,	2 00
Climax Road Machine Co., road machine,	220 00
A. B. Freeman Co., printing order blanks,	6 00
G. B. Strong, Memorial Day,	35 00
W. P. Thrasher, cost in case of Plainfield vs. Wood,	16 41
Geo. S. Cole, damage on highway,	2 80
W. H. Sisson, insurance on Town Hall, Plainfield,	25 00
F. DeF. Baker, taking Geo. Smith to Unity,	3 00
Elliot West, damage on highway,	3 50
D. A. Chase, damage on highway,	8 00
F. Von Tobel, returning births and deaths,	9 75
Clara J. Westgate for Library,	72 30
O. C. Davis for building fence, shed, etc.,	99 63
Hannah B. Bridgman, services as Librarian,	25 00
J. W. Brown & Co., chairs for Town Hall, Meriden,	16 00
Wm. Hall for printing of check lists,	6 15
A. B. Cutts, services as truant officer,	8 00
O. C. Davis, making booths in Town Hall, Meriden,	9 00
S. R. Sanborn, school supplies,	111 01
S. R. Sanborn school house repairs,	89 91
S. R. Sanborn, making, revising & posting check list,	14 50
J. W. Brown & Co., chairs for Town Hall, Meriden,	26 50

H. C. Farnum, services as super. check list, 2 yrs.,	18 00
Wm. Hall, " " " " "	18 00
F. W. True, " " " " "	18 00
I. W. Heywood, damage on highway,	3 05
O. S. Bugbee, damage on highway,	1 50
O. C. Davis, for road machine repairs,	10 60
B. F. Porter, perambulating town lines,	22 00
D. F. Jordan, pass over land,	5 00
O. V. Eastman, care of C. Smith lot in Gleason Cem.,	50
Perley Roberts, recording births, deaths and marriages and returning same,	6 15
Selectmen, bounties paid on hawks,	10 00
Geo. T. Stockwell, insurance on Town Hall Meriden,	15 00
D. C. Westgate, repairs on Town Hall at Plain,	150 00
O. S. Bugbee, note and interest,	528 67
H. W. Parker, retainer for yr. ending Feb. 15, '97,	15 00
I. N. Fowler, returning births and deaths,	1 25
J. P. Holt, returning deaths,	50
Geo W. Doyle, support of watering trough,	1 50
C. H. Strong, " " " " 2 yrs.,	4 00
Lucy Cory, " " " "	2 00
C. H. Hill, care of Spencer lot in Plain. Cemetery,	2 00
J. M. Cole, support of watering trough,	2 00
J. F. Eaton, " " " "	1 50
C. S. Burr, services for driving hearse,	34 00
S. R Sanborn, " dist. treas. ending Feb. 15, '96,	8 00
N. M. True, over tax,	1 70
D. N. Moulton, support of watering trough '95 & '96,	8 00
O. C. Davis, " " " "	1 00
Sarah M. Pierce, pass over land,	3 00
F. B. Hanchett, support of watering trough,	1 50
Mrs. B. F. Ward, services as Librarian, 1895,	25 00
W. P. Thrasher, support of watering trough,	2 00
" services as election officer, '96,	2 00
A. K. Read, " "	2 00
S. R. Sanborn, " "	2 00
Wm. P. Wood, " "	2 00

W. I. Hall, error in tax,	$1 70
Selectmen, repairs on Town Hall at Plain,	16 00
A. L. Hall, recording deeds and copy of records,	2 70
D. C. Westgate, wood for Town Hall,	4 60
D. C. Westgate, time and expense at Newport twice and Claremont twice,	12 05
O. C. Davis, time and expense at Claremont three times,	8 25
E. D. Rice, pass over land,	5 00
Selectmen, express, telephone, postage, books and stationery,	9 76
S. W. Clark, one-half services as Collector, '96,	50 00

SUPPORT OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

A. K. Read,	1200 00
O. A. Stearns,	1207 98

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

S. R. Sanborn,	1799 00

DOG ORDERS.

F. DeF. Baker,	2 00	
S. W. H. Clark,	21 00	
E. J. Westgate,	8 00	
W. P. Thrasher,	7 00	
F. V. Pierce,	4 00	
A. W. French,	2 00	
Selectmen, examination of sheep,	7 00	
Old order not presented of '95,		
W. P. Thrasher, service as dog constable,	6 00	
		57 00

Wm, H. Sisson, county tax,	1568 23
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	1205 00

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

O. C. Davis,	680 80
D. C. Westgate,	352 92
Total amount of disbursements,	10,872 82
Cash in Treasury, February 15, 1897,	922 22
	$11,795 04

Total amount received, $11,795 04

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Plainfield, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Treasurer, Selectmen, and other agents of the town and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN T. DUNCAN,
BENJAMIN F. WARD, } Auditors.

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The following report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library in Plainfield is respectfully submitted:

Number of volumes as reported last year,	570
" " purchased this year,	95
" " received by contributions	3
" of magazines,	2
Total,	670

To cash on hand February 15, 1896,	$29 97	
received from town,	72 30	
" " sales of catalogues,	40	
" " fines,	4 68	
" " summer boarders,	2 66	
		$110 01

By cash paid for books,	$24 85	
paid for freight on same,	50	
paid for table, cover and mucilage,	55	
paid Mr. Strong for labor repairing book case,	75	
paid for lumber, nails and labor on shelves,	75	
paid for express at Plainfield,	35	
paid for books and freight,	31 22	
paid for record book,	90	
paid for books,	35 20	
paid for freight on same,	50	
paid for money order,	15	
paid for postage,	26	
paid for binding magazines,	1 98	
		$97 96
Cash in hands of Trustees,		$12 05

MARY F. WOOD,
ELECTA H. CHELLIS,
CLARA J. WESTGATE,
} Board of Trustees.

Report of School Board.

BLACK HILL.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Katherine K. Woodman. No. of scholars 17; wages $24.

Fall term, 2 3-5 weeks, taught by Miss Katherine K. Woodman. No. of scholars 17; wages $24.

Winter term, 14 weeks, taught by Miss Katherine K. Woodman. No. of scholars 16; wages $24.

PLAIN.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Jennie F. Eastman. No. of scholars 25; wages $26.

Fall term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Jennie F. Eastman. No. of scholars 29; wages $26.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Mr. Frank J. Chadbourne. No. of scholars 31; wages $28.

SPENCER.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Sarah C. Colby. No. of scholars 13; wages $20.

Fall term, 6 weeks, taught by Miss Mamie Jenney. No. of scholars 19; wages $20.

Winter term, 13 weeks, taught by Miss Mamie Jenney. No. of scholars 15; wages $22.

BROOK.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Mamie Jenney. No. of scholars 14; wages $22.

Fall term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Mary Westgate. No. of scholars 15; wages $22.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Miss Mary Westgate. No. or scholars 11; wages $24.

PENNIMAN.

Summer term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Laura W. Montague. No. of scholars 14; wages $24.

Fall term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Trowe. No. of scholars 15; wages $24.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Trowe. No. of scholars 16; wages $24.

MERIDEN.

Summer term, 8 weeks, taught by Miss Frances Daley. No. of scholars 33, wages $30.

Fall term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Frances Daley. No. of scholars 30; wages $30.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Miss Emma Gibson. No. scholars 16; wages $22.

MERIDEN PRIMARY.

Winter term, 11 weeks, taught by Miss Nina Kimball. No. of scholars 10; wages $22.

TRUE.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Bertha Jenney. No. of scholars 11; wages $20.

Fall term, 12 weeks, taught by Emma Gibson. No. of scholars 10; wages $22.

EAST PLAINFIELD.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Helen A Goodwin. No. of scholars 11; wages $22.

Fall term 8 weeks, commenced by Sarah Colby and finished by Mrs. Emma Moulton. No. of scholars 12; wages $22.

Winter term taught by Grace L. Sanborn. No. of scholars 11; wages $22.

METHODIST HILL.

Summer term, 9 weeks, taught by Miss Ellen Colby. No. of scholars 8; wages $20.

Fall term, 11 weeks, taught by Florence E. Dow. No. of scholars 10; wages $20.

HERSEY.

Summer term, 8 weeks, taught by Mrs. Frances N. Hudson, No. of scholars 9; wages $20.

Fall term, 11 weeks, taught by Grace L. Sanborn. No. of scholars 5; wages $20.

To the Citizens of Plainfield:

In accordance with custom, we herewith submit a partial report of the school work done the past year. The Board find it impossible to give a full report, as the schools in divisions Black Hill and Spencer are still in session. Yet we feel assured the work accomplished will be satisfactory, knowing the co-operation of pupils, teachers, and parents to do all that can be done to make a successful school. These two divisions, in the Fall term, were unfortunately visited with the whooping-cough, causing a reasonable excuse to close the schools, which were not opened again until the Winter term. Miss Colby, at East Plainfield, on account of sickness in the Fall, was obliged to give the work over to Mrs. Moulton for the rest of the term.

The Meriden division was taught by one teacher during the Summer and Fall terms, but this Winter it seemed best to open the primary room again; probably another summer the schools will be combined as last year.

We find in some of our schools young ladies and gentlemen who have made the interest greater, and reflect credit upon our teachers, that they preferred to attend the district school at home rather than enter our higher schools at an age when they need the restraining influence of home discipline.

We have exchanged our old grammars for the new English text books, which are a great improvement, teaching pupils to acquire good language, by use and composition, rather than set rules and definitions. We also purchased supplementary reading for some of the advanced pupils, and feel well paid in the understanding manner in which they read at the closing exercises. Physiology has been successfully taught according to law. Teachers and scholars have given this text book, which is so full of useful instruction, a good deal of attention and without doubt the rising generation will be profited thereby.

There have been new fences built around the school-yards at Meriden and at the Plain, which were greatly needed; also the out-buildings were newly sheathed and whitewashed inside. We would ask you to consider the need of new seats and desks in some of our school rooms, and at our annual school meeting in March, vote to raise the funds for the new seating of one school room at least.

This report, which is only a little glimpse of what has been done the past year, is respectfully submitted.

LUCY M. LEWIN,
SAMUEL B. SANBORN,
ROBERT R. PENNIMAN,
} School Board.

ROLL OF HONOR.

ONE TERM.

Julia Williams,	Lennie Waite,
Bert Jenney,	Verna Wood,
Lottie E. Emery,	Edith Hammond,
Bessie J Quimby,	Marion Westgate,
Julia Bartlett,	Louie Bartlett,
Curtis G. Doyle,	Levi Nelson,
May Brocklebank,	Ida Raines,
Ella Raines,	Jessie West,
Clifford Cuddy,	Alpha Roberts,
Susie Freeman,	Carrie Clark,
Lillian Dean,	Minnie Dean,
Luella Dean,	Cleveland Curtis,
Karl Gibson,	Bertha Chapman,
Fannie Chapman,	Ray F. Jenney,
May E. Jenney,	Fred A. Moulton,
Fred Barker,	Ethel Hersey,
Elbridge G. Fadden,	Sadie Pierce,
Esther Williams,	Edward Waite,
Harry Waite,	Charlie Williams,
Earle Colby,	Maurice Clark,

Fred Emery,
Perley Cole,
Byron M. Wood,
Otis W. Jordan,
May I. Daniels,
George B. Porter.

TWO TERMS.

Grace Colby,
Cora Spaulding,
Eddie Pierce,
Bessie Westgate,
Mary E. Jordan,
Flossie E. Cole,
Ralph K. Jordan,
Cora M. Andrews,
May Jordan,
Annie Gibson,
Florence Freeman,
Myrtie West,
George Doty,
Dana N. Morgan,
William H. Jenney,
Lillie E. Hersey,
Gertie Wood.
Lulu Jenney,
Allie Jenney,
Maurice Hadley,
Palmer C. Read,
Bernice E. Jordan,
George Pierce,
Edwin Goodenough,
Frances M. Sanborn,
Annie Monroe,
Lucy Eastman,
George Gibson,
William West,
Ruth Brocklebank,
Leslie R. Morgan,
Connie A. Chellis,
Clara Woodward,

THREE TERMS.

Julia Colby,
Pearl Hadley,
Wilmer Spaulding,
Lucy Moore,
Austin W. Burr,
Florence Woodward.
Alice Hadley,
Harland Bartholomew,
Otis B. Read,
Lizzie D. Whitaker,
William D. Burr,

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER.

Total amount of school fund,		$1,908 82
Amount required to be raised by law,	$1,205 00	
Raised by vote of district	200 00	
Received from Enfield school district,	50 88	
Amount reported unexpended last year,	60 10	
Railroad tax,	31 12	
Literary fund,	158 20	
Land rent,	80 62	
Dog tax,	122 90	
		$1,908 82

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treas., orders of Selectmen	$1,799 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid school district of Cornish, tuition,	$ 60 00	
Paid teachers.	1,116 60	
Paid for wood, building fires, cleaning school houses, etc.,	146 40	
Amount due for expenses of winter schools,	476 00	
		$1,799 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$476 00
Balance due district,		$109 82

REPAIR FUND.

Raised by vote of district,	$100 00	
Amount unexpended last year,	19 76	
		$119 76

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treas., orders of Selectmen,	$89 91

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for repairs on school buildings,	$89 91	
Amount unexpended,		29 85

SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Received of Town Treas., orders of Selectmen,	$111 01
Expended for supplies,	111 01

SAMUEL R. SANBORN, Dist. Treas.

We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School District find the same properly vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN T. DUNCAN,
BENJAMIN F. WARD, } Auditors.

Tables of Vital Statistics, 1896.

Births Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date 1896	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Living or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
Jan. 15		Female	Living	1		T. K. Lawrence	Hattie French					Plainfield		19
Feb. 12		"	"	2		Ed Milliner	Esther Lewin		Plainfield	Farmer	Rockingham Vt	"	26	22
" 25		Male	"	4		C. F. Lewin	Emma Jordan		Meriden	"	Nova Scotia	"	24	24
Mch. 1		Female	"	9		Lucy M. Clough	Lucy M. Clough		Plainfield	Butcher	"	Plainfield	45	39
" 7		"	"	1		Florence E. Jordan						Plainfield		23
" 17		Male	"	1	White	Isaac Bonner	Luella Sanborn	White	Meriden	Laborer		Meriden	24	19
Apr. 3		"	"	1		Chas. Eggleston	Elizabeth Davis		Plainfield	Farmer	Plainfield	England		25
" 23	Roy Morse	"	"	3		John Morse	Maud Barker		Meriden	"	Sharon, Vt	Meriden	55	20
June 25	Harold Lee Cutts	"	"	1		Otis V. Cutts	Ella G. Merrill			Blacksmith	Meriden	Enfield	34	24
July 28	Kennith Heath Ryle	"	"	2		John E. Ryle	Gela Raymond		Plainfield	Farmer	Waitsfield, Vt	Warren, Vt	30	23
Aug. 27		Female	"	4		Geo. S. Ruggles	Mamie L. Eggleston		"	"	Horicon, Wis	Plainfield	30	37
Oct. 12		"	"	2		Wm. Alexander	Mamie Jordan		"	Laborer	Plainfield	"	30	18

Marriages Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. of Marriage	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
								Oscar Reed				
Jan. 1	Plainfield	Charles Reed	Lebanon	32		Farmer	Plainfield	Avis Spaulding	Weathersfield	House-keeper	1	
								John Daniels	Plainfield			
		Florence D. Preston	Plainfield	26		Dressmaker	"	Rhoda A. Daniels	"	House-keeper	2	
								D. B. Alexander		Farmer		
" 17	"	Lewis G. Alexander	"	20		Farmer	"	Amanda Martin	Hartland, Vt	House-keeper	1	
								Asa Hapgood	Marlboro	Farmer		
		Sadie Hapgood	Lebanon	15		House-keeper	Hanover	Martha Davis	St. Albans	House-keeper	1	
								Julius J. Mason	Hanover			
Mar. 4	"	L. Chandler Mason	Plainfield	22		Farmer	"	Lydia ——	"		1	
								Sidney Sanborn	Plainfield	Farmer		
		L. Ester Sanborn	"	22		House-keeper	Plainfield	Mary Jordan	"	House-keeper	1	
								William Goodwin	England			
June 6	"	Philip Goodwin	"	40		Farmer	Canada	Hannah Goodwin	"		2	
								John S. Daniels				
		Hattie M. Daniels	"	25		House-keeper	Windsor, Vt	Mary E. Harris			1	
								H. K. Curtis	Mass	Farmer		
July 25	"	William E. Curtis	Cornish	28		Farmer	"	Sarah Towns	Nashua	House-keeper	1	
								Worth C. Jordan	Plainfield	Farmer		
		Vinnie Jordan	Plainfield	25		Dressmaker	Cornish	——	Ayer		1	
								John Goodwin	Canada	Farmer		
Aug. 12	"	Walter W. Goodwin	"	24	White	Farmer		Lucy Goodwin	"	House-keeper	1	
								Eber M. Dean	Plainfield	Laborer		
		Carrie V. Dean	Lebanon	15		House-keeper		Nellie J. Strong	Croydon	House-keeper	1	
								Fred M. Coxe	Woodstock, Vt	Hotel keeper		
Oct. 12	"	Cleo C. Coxe	Bridgewater, Vt	19		Clerk	Woodstock, Vt	Nellie Carpenter	Bridgewater, Vt		1	
								Charles Southgate	"	Mill Operative		
		Grace B. Southgate	"	19		House-keeper	Bridgewater, Vt	Hattie Gates		House-keeper	1	
								Norman Williams	Plainfield	Farmer		
Nov. 21	"	Walter F. Williams	Plainfield	26		Farmer	Plainfield	Stella Gallup	"	House-keeper	1	
								Chester Picknel	"	Farmer		
		Luella J. Picknel	"	19		House-keeper	"	Julia Buckman	"	House-keeper	1	
								Addison Cutts	Sunapee			
Nov. 26	"	Arling B. Cutts	Plainfield	36		Farmer	Sunapee	Rosilla Rand	Newport	House-keeper	1	
								Sidney Sanborn	Plainfield	Farmer		
		Jessie M. Sanborn	"	25		Teacher	Plainfield	Mary Jordan	"	House-keeper	1	
								Charles Smith	Worcester Mass	Farmer		
Dec. 12	"	Justin W. Smith	"	27		Farmer	Claremont	Cornelia Burbee	Bethel, Vt	House-keeper	1	
								Frank E. Jenney	Plainfield	Farmer		
		Bertha L. Jenney	"	19		Teacher	Plainfield	Lois Cutting	Claremont	House-keeper	1	
								Daniel F. Blood	Plainfield	Farmer		
" 31	"	Daniel F. Blood	"	20		Farmer	"	Louisa Walker	"		1	
								Asa Hapgood	St. Albans, Vt	Farmer		
		Dora Hapgood	Lebanon	17		House-keeper	Ayer Jct., Mass	Martha Davis	"	House-keeper	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Plainfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1896.

Date 1896	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age Years	Age Months	Age Days	Place of Birth	Male or Female	Color	Single, Married or Widowed	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 4	Plainfield	Lurena Daniels	77	10	..		F		W.	Housekeeper				
" 10	Meriden	Marguret L. Moore	56	5	17	Bukmant'n, NY	F		W.	"	Platsburg, N.Y.	Platsburg N.Y.	Constance Haven	Elizabeth Dominy
" 19	Plainfield	Hattie B. Cole	..	7	..	Plainfield	F		S.				Geo. A. Cole	Hattie Roice
Feb. 21	"	James F. Jordan	52	8	..	"	M		S.	Laborer	Plainfield	Plainfield	Anthony W. Jordan	Mercy Root
" 22	Meriden	Mary E. Hastings	55	..	23	"	F		M.	Housekeeper	"	"	Daniel G. Stickney	Alvira Smith
Mar. 6	Plainfield	Martha M. Jordan	..	4	12	"	F		S.		"	"	Darwin F. Jordan	Martha E. Ladieu
" 12	"	Hugh Parks	84	3	12		M		M.	Farmer				
" 13	"	Mariha M. Parks	71	3	13	Jersey City, N.J	F		M.	Housekeeper	England	England		
July 27	Meriden	Merinda Smith	78	2	..	Plainfield	F		W.	"	Plainfield	Plainfield	Abel Stone	Wealthy Williams
" 28	East Plainfield	Charles H. Harington	37	1	23	"	M		S.	Farmer	"	"	Chas. Harington	Lurena Calef
Aug. 6	Plainfield	Betsey A. Morgan	53	7	..		F		S.	Housekeeper		Salisbury	Wm. W. Morgan	Mary Stevens
Oct. 12	"	Walter H. Hunt	38	7	26	Colchester, Ct.	M		M.	Laborer			Edwin Hunt	Eliza Clark
" 12	"	Erwey W. Smith	20	..	20	Plainfield	M		M.	Farmer	Plainfield	Plainfield	Geo. M. Smith	Ada J. Westgate
" 14	"	Catherine B. Gallup	92	8	..	Cohasset, Mass	F		W.	Housekeeper	Abbington Mas	Plymouth Mass	John Beal	Catherine Kimball
" 14	"	Hannah D. True	94	6	17	Plainfield	F		W.	"	Haverhill, Mass	Haverhill, Mass	Robert Duncan	Hannah Emerson
" 27	Meriden	Jerome Watson	67	10	20	Claremont	M		S.	Farmer	Plainfield	Putney, Vt	Peter Watson	Mary Putnam

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